

**REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 5
THIRD QUARTER 2003 EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES
SUBJECT TO THE LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW**

Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu,
Cameron, Jefferson Davis



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 5 during third quarter 2003 was 109,089, a decrease of 1.7% from the second quarter 2003, and a decrease of 0.4% from the same period in 2002. Employment increased in six of the 20 NAICS sectors from the second quarter 2003. The largest percentage increase of 10.5% was in agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting.

Average quarterly employment data for third quarter 2003, second quarter 2003, third quarter 2002, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 49. Health care and social assistance was the leading industry in RLMA 5 with 14,409 employees, or 13.2% of total employment. Calcasieu was the leading parish with 80,636 employees, or 73.9% of total employment.

Total wages increased 2.0% from the same period in 2002, and decreased by 0.2% from the second quarter 2003, for an average weekly wage of \$555.73. Cameron parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$615.73.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 5 is listed in the table below. The average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table "Regional Labor Market Area 5" beginning on page 52.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Allen	\$ 450.79
Beauregard	555.49
Calcasieu	577.51
Cameron	615.73
Jefferson Davis	426.51

The number of reporting units in RLMA 5 for third quarter 2003 was 6,694.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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